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# 1. CHINA

PRES NATL COMM US-CHINA RELS (ROSEN) SAID INCREASED EXCHANGE VISITS COULD BE "SIGNIFICANT GESTURE" TO CARTER ADMIN BY NEW PRC LEADERS. DOS OFFICIALS UNWILLING ELABORATE ON ROSEN REMARKS. OTHERS SUGGEST MOVE SIMPLY PRC EFFORT ENHANCE CHINA'S IMAGE WITH AMERICAN PUBLIC. THIS YEAR 4 DELS TO PRC (YOUNG POL LEADERS/STATE EDUCATIONAL LEADERS/SPORTS TEAM/NATL COMM GROUP); 3 TO US INCLUDE CPIFA GROUP (NYT SPEC).

TELTSCH (NYT 3/13) SAYS POLITICS AT UN WATER CONF WHICH OPENS 3/14 LIKELY TO BE MUTED. IN ADDITION TO S AFRICA, PRC UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO PASSING UP PARLEY, ELIMINATING PROSPECT SINO-SOV WRANGLING. PRC DECISION NOT GREAT SURPRISE. NOTES IN COOPERATIVE GESTURE, CHINESE HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS ACCEPT VISIT OF UN STUDY GROUP TO EXAMINE IRRIGATION/SMALL-SCALE WATER WORKS.

PRC GRAIN PURCHASES, THIS YEAR HIT 5 MILLION METRIC TONS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE '48, CAUSE WHEAT/CORN TRADERS TO WONDER WHETHER CHINA GOING ON BUYING SPREE. NOW THREE MAJOR GOALS IMPRESS TRADERS; HUA'S PROMISE TO IMPROVE PEOPLE'S DIET,

HIS INTENT TO RELY ON MECHANIZING AGRICULTURE, AND PRC CONTINUING POLICY OF MAINTAINING LARGE BUFFER FOODSTOCKS. SLIGHT INCREASE IN PRC CONSUMPTION COULD ELIMINATE EXPECTED US CARRYOVER OF 30 MILLION TONS WHEN CURRENT WHEAT CROP IN (MAIDENBERG, NYT).

HONG KONG'S "MING PAO" CITES UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT CANTON WALL POSTERS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT TENG HSIAO-PING AS PRC PREMIER/CP VICE CHAIRMAN (AP, SUN; WSJ; BUTTERFIELD, NYT 3/13). LONGER BUTTERFIELD ARTICLE CITES ANALYSTS VIEW THAT NEW REGIME MAY NOW NEED UTILIZE TENG'S ADMINISTRATIVE TALENTS. SUN'S WU (3/12) WRITES THAT PRC'S OFFICIAL MEDIA HAVE BEGUN BUILDING PUBLIC OPINION FOR TENG'S RETURN. BIG QUESTION NOW IS WHEN. SOME BELIEVE RETURN COULD COME AROUND TIME ANNIVERSARY APRIL RIOTS.

TRAVELLERS FROM HANGCHOW MENTION EXECUTIONS OF PERSONS ALLEGEDLY OPPOSING HUA KUO-FENG, ACCORDING REPORTS FROM PEKING (REUTER 3/13, NYT, WP).

WP'S MATHEWS VIEWS PRC'S EMPHASIS ON MILITARY SYMBOLS AS THE HARD-BONE 6TH COMPANY AND REVIVAL IMAGE SOLDIER HERO LEI FENG AS PART EFFORT GET ACROSS NEW YEAR MESSAGE OF "LESS TALK, MORE ACTION"/INDICATION PRC WORRIED ABOUT TROOPS' COMBAT READINESS. LAT'S LESLIE (3/11) SEES EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN TO EMULATE LEI FENG AS INDICATION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO SAYS OFFICIAL NEWS MEDIA ACKNOWLEDGE PRC ALSO HAS ENERGY PROBLEM AS PART OF ECON DIFFICULTIES. COAL PROBLEM BLAMED ON "GANG OF FOUR," EARTHQUAKE, ETC. ONLY GROUP APPARENTLY UNAFFECTED BY ENERGY CRISIS IS DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY (CSM 3/14).

TAIWAN EXPANDS MAINLAND INTELLIGENCE OPERATION.
HIGH RANKING ROC OFFICIAL SAYS TAIWAN AGENTS ARE ENCOUNTERING FEWER DIFFICULTIES/OPERATING MORE EFFECTIVELY, SINCE DEATH MAO (UPI TAIPEI 3/14).

### 2. KOREA

SUN 3/13 FRONTPAGES PHOTO SK GUARD ATTEMPTING TAKE AWAY BANNER FROM MEMBER NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY DURING GROUP'S DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING PRES CARTER'S PLAN WITHDRAWAL US GROUND TROOPS FRONT OF AMEMBASSY (ALSO WP; REUTER, NYT 3/13).

SUN REPORTS FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS HAVE LINKED BALTIMORE BUSINESSMAN JOHN GUILLOT WITH TONGSUN PARK'S EFFORTS CON-

CEAL HIS ROLE IN BID FOR SALES AGENT FEES FROM GOVERNMENT RICE SHIPPING AFTER PARK UNABLE TO GAIN PERMIT IN '75 (3/14).

SK'S VIGOROUS EFFORT TO INCREASE TOURISM REVENUES MEETING SUCCESS. ROKG HOPES EARN 330 MILLION DOLS/ATTRACT 1 MILLION TOURISTS THIS YEAR; 2 MILLION TOURISTS IN '80'S (UPI, WP 3/13)

HOLSTEIN (UPI) REPORTS WEST'S POL/FINANCIAL LEADERS CON-CERNED THAT LENDING TO FINANCIALLY/POLITICALLY TROUBLED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MAY JEOPARDIZE BANKS; STABILITY. LINCLASSIFIED

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ZAIRE/NK HAVE TECHNICALLY DEFAULTED ON LOANS (WP 3/13).

#### 3. INDOCHINA

PRES CARTER BIDS GOODBYE TO WOODCOCK MISSION BOUND FOR VN/LAOS TO GET MIA ACCOUNTING. MISSION PLANS OVERNIGHT AT MANILA, ARRIVE HANOI 3/16 FOR 3-DAY STAY, THEN VISIT VIENTIANE; WH SPOKESMAN SAYS US TRIED CONTACT CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS RE VISIT TO PP, BUT NO RESPONSE (LECAZE, WP 3/13). PRES/WOODCOCK ISSUE STATEMENTS PESSIMISTIC RE HOW MUCH MIA INFO AVAILABLE/HOPEFUL ON COMMISSION'S POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO CREATION NORMAL DIPL RELS BETW US-VN (WOOTEN 3/13 NYT, WSTAR). CAUTIOUS US OFFICIALS VIEW PROCESS AS END 1 PG IN US-VN RELS, BEGINNING OTHER; OPINE IF PROCESS GOES WELL, COULD END W/ESTABLISHMENT FORMAL RELS WITHIN YR OR SO, BUT POTENTIAL PITFALLS MANY (TREWHITT, SUN 3/13).

WOODCOCK MISSION DEPARTS (AP, NYT). WP FRONT-PGS AP PIC DEPARTURE WOODCOCK/MONTGOMERY/YOST AS AWAIT PLANE.

TELTCH (NYT 3/13) REPORTS MENNONITES/QUAKERS/UN OFFICIALS/ WB OFFICIALS WHO VISITED VN RECENTLY IMPRESSED BY AGRIC RECOVERY/GOVT EFFORT ATTRACT MORE OUTSIDE BUSINESS THRU NEW FON INVESTMENT CODE/OTHER INCENTIVES.

LAOS EX-KING REPORTEDLY JAILED W/3 OTHER MEMBERS ROYAL FAMILY FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN REBEL ACTIVITIES (AP NYT, SUN; WP).

## 4. THAILAND

RTG ASKS 16 COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN PRINCIPAL AID SOURCES FOR HUGE INCREASES GRANTS/LOANS OVER NEXT 5 YRS TO HELP FINANCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (ANDELMAN, NYT 3/13).

BANGKOK'S DEP GOV SAYS CITY IS VD CAPITAL OF WORLD, UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTIMATES INCIDENCE AT 13 CASES IN EVERY 100 PERSONS (AP, WP 3/12).

#### 5. PHILIPPINES

US AMB TO MALAYSIA UNDERHILL RECOMMENDS WITHDRAWAL OF US MIL BASES FROM PHILS, ACCORDING "ASIAN WSJ," THAT ADDS UNDERHILL ARGUED BASES' USEFULNESS LIMITED SINCE IN MANY CASES PRIOR GOP APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO UTILIZE EFFECTIVELY/COST DOES NOT MATCH POTENTIAL MIL BENEFITS/ PRESENCE CAUSES PROBLEMS FOR MANILA IN 3RD WORLD (WP 3/12).

LIBYA'S KHADAFY LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL AS PEACEMAKER BETW GOP/MOSLEM SECESSIONISTS. NEGOTS RECESSED INDEFINITELY 3/3 W/NO PROGRESS REPORTED; IMELDA HAS AGAIN GONE TO LIBYA IN HOPES RESTARTING THEM (UPI MANILA).

DEV BANK OF PHILS NEGOTIATES WB 50 MILLION DOL LOAN TO EXPAND/MODERNIZE CEMENT INDUSTRY (UPI, JOC). GOP ORDERS PHIL AIRLINES PAY BACK WAGES TO STEWARDESS WHO WAS DISMISSED DUE MARRIAGE. LABOR DEPT RULED "NO MARRIAGE" POLICY ILLEGAL (AFP, WP).

#### 6. SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE POLICE AGAIN ARRESTED HO KWON PING, FORMER FEER CORRESPONDENT. THIS TIME CHARGED UNDER INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, WHICH PROVIDES INDEFINITE DETENTION W/O TRIAL (REUTER NYT, WP 3/13).

### 7. ASEAN

ASEAN COUNTRIES "UNEASY " RE CARTER ADMIN SILENCE AREA'S NON COMMUNIST COUNTRIES/FAILURE OF ANY ASEAN LEADER TO HAVE DIRECT TALKS WITH NEW ADMIN. (UPI, SINGAPORE). SUN (3/13) CARRIES REUTER ITEM ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING AGREEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNED AT MANILA, SEEN AS 1ST STEP TOWARD COMMART.

### 8. INDONESIA

UK APPEALS CLEAR WAY FOR INDONESIA SUE LIBERIAN SHIPPING FIRM (RASU MARITIMA S.A) FOR DAMAGES DUE WRONGFUL DETENTION OF PROPERTY. IN FEB RASU OBTAINED INJUNCTION RESTRAINING PERTAMINA FROM REMOVING EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR A FERTILIZER PLANT (JOC).

USING GOI INFO, 3 FINANCIAL HOUSES THAT SERVE AS ADVISORS TO INDONESIA CIRCULATING BRIGHT FINANCIAL STATE IN EFFORT

REASSURE FOREIGN BANKERS RE MAJOR LOANS. BUT INDONESIA MAY ALREADY BE IN TECHNICAL D"FAULT ON SOME LOANS (SETH LIPSKY, WSJ).

WP'S JOHN SHARKEY (3/13) WRITES THAT REP DON FRASER/HIS SUBCMTE ON INTL ORG PLAN 3/23 HEARING RE ACCUSATIONS INDONESIANS KILLED 100,000 IN E TIMOR. HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER US MIL EQUIPMENT USED ILLEGALLY IN TIMOR TAKEOVER. AMONG SCHEDULED WITNESSES IS JAMES DUNN, FORMER AUSTRALIAN CONSUL IN E TIMOR AND NOW HEAD FORAFF BRANCH OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT'S LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SERVICE.

REUTER'S HERTEL REPORTS FROM JAKARTA THAT THOUSANDS YOUNG FOREIGNERS FLOCK TO BALI EACH YR UNAWARE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES INTEND ENFORCE TOUGH NARCOTICS LAWS; LITTLE FOREIGN EMBASSIES CAN DO TO HELP THOSE ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES. OFFENDERS COULD FACE YEAR IMPRISONMENT/DEATH (WP 3/13).

#### 9. JAPAN

SAAR (WP 3/13) QUOTES PM FUKUDA THAT JAPAN'S RENUNCIATION NUKE WEAPONS/POWERFUL MIL FORCES IS EXAMPLE TO WORLD, NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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"FREE RIDE" ON US. PM ALSO SAYS GRADUAL UPGRADING QUALITY DEFENSE FORCES WOULD CONTINUE; PLANNED WITHDRAWAL US FORCES FROM SK WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON GOJ'S DEFENSE PROGRAM SINCE "CONFIDENT THE UNITED STATES WOULD ALWAYS TAKE THE NEED FOR MILITARY BALANCE" ON KOREAN PENINSULA INTO CONSIDERATION. SAAR NOTES FUKUDA CONCEDED THAT GOJ AID AMOUNTS TOO SMALL.

ESTIMATED 6000 HELD RALLY VS PLANS MAKE SASEBO BASE FOR NUKE-POWERED SHIP MATSU (AFP, WP).

GOJ CUTS DISCOUNT RATE TO 6 PCT IN MOVE INTENDED STIMULATE ECONOMY (CULLISON, JOC; WSJ; MALCOLM, NYT 3/12). GNP RISES 6.3 PCT DURING '76 (JOC). IN LENGTHY PIECE ON WORLD WATER CRISIS, RENSBERGER (NYT) MENTIONS JAPAN LEADER IN WASTE WATER RECYCLING IN PAST 2 DECADES; HAS BEEN ABLE QUINTUPLE INDUSTRIAL USE WATER OVER 15-YR PERIOD WHILE HAVING INCREASE CONSUMPTION 2.3X.

# 10. AUSTRALIA

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PERSONAL SECRETARY DENIED REPORTS QUEEN STRUCK BY CARDBOARD PLACARD THROWN BY DEMONSTRATOR, SAYS SIGN ONLY LANDED IN HER CAR (WP 3/14). WP CARRIES PHOTO OF FLOTILLA GREETING QUEEN UPON SYDNEY ARRIVAL.

FROM CANBERRA, PETER COSTIGAN WRITES THAT IRANIAN AMBASSA-

DOR ALI-REZA HERAVI'S AD AND SEARCH FOR TWO YOUNG LIVE-IN EMBASSY HOSTESSES PLUS ALLEGATIONS OF TWO YOUNG GIRLS WHO APPLIED FOR JOB HAVE EARNED AMB REP OF CITY'S LEADING DIP SWINGER, AWAKENED SLEEPY TOWN AND LED TO HEADLINES IN "CANBERRA TIMES" NORMALLY RESERVED FOR DECLARATIONS OF WAR, ETC. (WP).

### 11. HUMAN RIGHTS

WP'S OBERDORFER NOTES DOS REPORT ON HUMAN RTS IN 82-AIDED UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES (REQUIRED UNDER '76 FOR MIL ASSISTANCE ACT) PORTRAYS WIDE VARIETY OF CONDITIONS IN NON-COMM COUNTRIES AND LIKELY PROVOKE CHARGES US INTERFERENCE INTERNAL AFFAIRS. NOTES BRAZIL'S REACTION. CITES VANCE STATEMENTS INDICATING NO SK AID CUTS DUE TO OVERRIDING SECURITY CONDITIONS ALONG WITH REPORT'S CHARGE THAT RTS IN SK "INFRINGED" UPON; FORMER PRISONERS PUBLICLY CHARGE TORTURE ALTHOUGH GOVT DENIES IT. ALSO NOTES REPORT INDICATES PHILS' MARTIAL LAW ADM ALLOWS FOR ABRIDGED FUNDAMENTAL RTS/REPORTS TORTURE DOWN SINCE '72 BUT NEWER REPORTS "MORE FULLY DOCUMENTED" (3/13)

NYT'S GWERTZMAN (3/13) NOTES THAT STATE REPORT TO CONGRESS INDICATES MOST COUNTRIES (WITH EXCEPTION W EUR) RECEIVING US ARMS ARE TO SOME DEGREE VIOLATING HUMAN RTS. AFTER NOTING BRAZIL REACTION, SAYS 82 REPORTS CONTAINED FEW SURPRISES AND SK AND PHIL LISTED AMONG VIOLATERS VANCE INDICATED WOULD CONTINUE RECEIVE AID DUE SECURITY IMPORTANCE TO US. SUMMARY FINDINGS ON IMPORTANT COUNTRIES NOTES THAT IN SK EMERGENCY DECREES JUSTIFIED BY GOVT ON GROUNDS NEED COPE WITH NK THREAT/PROMOTE CONT ECON DEVELOPMENT, BUT THAT SOME RIGHTS HAVE BEEN INFRINGED UPON AND PRISONERS COMPLAIN OF TORTURE, WHICH SK GOVT DENIES.

WSTAR'S O'LEARY (3.13) NOTES THAT ONLY 28 OUT OF 82
COUNTRIES RECEIVING US SECURITY ASST HAVE GOOD HUMAN
RTS RECORD ACCORDING TO STATE DEPT REPORT TO SENATE. SAYS
BRAZIL'S REACTION TO REPORT MOST VIGOROUS. REACTION OTHER
"PARTLY FREE"/"NOT FREE" COUNTRIES SLOWER. ALSO NOTES
COUNTRIES NOT SUBJECTED TO AID CUTS HAVE MORE POL PRISONERS
THAN ARGENTINA/URUGUAY/BRAZIL/CHILE/ETHOPIA. SINGLES
OUT REPORTS ON POL DETAINEES IN INDONESIA/THAILAND/ROC/
SK/PHILS/IRAN/PARAGUAY.

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#### 12. INDOCHINA

TREWHITT (SUN 3/13) REVIEWS US-VN STANCES AS WOODCOCK MISSION DEPARTS. SEES VN NEW FON INVESTMENT CODE DUE NEED FONEX BUT LIMITED ABILITY EARN SAME. MENTIONS RECENT US GESTURES BY BOTH SIDES; OPINES BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE CLEAR PERCEPTION OF LARGER FUTURE INTERESTS. ADDS GREAT UNCERTAINTY W/POTENTIAL TO EMBARRASS US IS FATE TENS OF THOUSANDS SVIETS WHO WERE US ALLIES, NOW IN RE-EDUCATION CAMPS. CONCLUDES HANOI SHARES GOAL W/US TO MAKE WEIGHT FELT VS PRC/USSR INFLUENCE IN SEA.

BRADSHER (WSTAR 3/11) BELIEVES WOODCOCK MISSION "ON SHORT LEASH," WILL JUST LISTEN TO CLAIMS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AID W/O MAKING COMMITMENT. SEES PRES SENDING MISSION PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES, HOPING END MIA PROBLEM. THINKS MAY BE SIGNS SOFTENING VN LINE THAT AID REQUIRED BY PARIS AGREEMENT. SNOW (GLOBE) OPINES HANOI TALKS HAVE 2 OBJECTIVES: US MISSION WANTS MIA INFO; VN SEEKS END TO US RESISTANCE TO UN ENTRY. ON RECONSTRUCTION AID, QUOTES DOS' HOLBROOKE IN TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE CMTE THAT CARTER ADMIN DID NOT FEEL BOUND BY RECONSTRUCTION OFFER MADE PRIVATELY BY NIXON BECAUSE "NOBODY IN CONGRESS WAS CONSULTED."

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) NOTES CARTER DOUBTFUL ON FINDING MIAS, TRYING NOT RAISE KIN'S HOPES TOO HI. SAYS VN EXPECTED TURN MORE MIA REMAINS OVER AS GOODWILL GESTURE. ADDS US CONSIDERING EASING TRADE EMBARGO SHOULD COMMISSION'S MISSION MEET W/SUCCESS; STATES EMBARGO/US BLOCKING UN ENTRY SEEM BOTHER HANOI MORE AT THIS POINT THAN US AID QUESTION.

SUN (3/13) BELIEVES WOODCOCK MISSION COULD LEAD WAY TO SURPRISINGLY QUICK RAPPROCHEMENT BETW US-VN. REVIEWS RECENT RELS. SAYS ADVENT CARTER ADMIN PRESENTS NEW OPPORTUNITIES. UNCLASSIFIED

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OPINES WHILE US HAS BEEN ASKING VERY LITTLE, VN HAS BEEN ASKING TOO MUCH; THINKS HANOI MIGHT FINALLY BE ACCEPTING REALITY THAT CONGRESS WOULD NEVER APPROVE DIRECT AID UNDER C-F PROVISIONS. OPINES VN NEEDS TRADE MORE THAN AID. CONCLUDES CONDITIONS MIGHT BE RIGHT FOR RECONCILIATION.

# 13. JAPAN

FROM TOKYO, CROCKER SNOW JR WRITES THAT JAPAN IS SUBTLY MOVING UP FROM BANTAM WEIGHT STATUS IN INTL POLITICS.
CITES PM FUKUDA'S COMMNTS THAT JAPAN PREPARED TAKEECON LEAD FOR INDUSTRIAL WORLD/PLAY MORE ACTIVE POL ROLE, WOULD MAINTAIN 6.7 ECON GROWTH RATE TO STIMULATE US/WEUR ECON, AND VIEW PRES'S NEW ASIAN POLICIES FINALIZED ONLY AFTER

DISCUSSION WITH HIM, AND NAMING OF JAPAN AMONG 4 POWERS TO MAINTAIN SK EQUILIBRIUM AS ALL SIGNS OF JAPAN'S NEW ASSERTIVENESS. CHANGE ONE OF PRACTICAL POLITICS CONDITIONED BY NEED SAFEGUARD ECON SITUATION (GLOBE 3/11). VANCE

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